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SUBJ: KAPPLER AND CARABINIERI TRANSFERS

1. IN AUGUST 18 DINNER CONVERSATION, PALERMO POLICE CHIEF
EPIFANIO AND SALVO LIMA, DC (ANDREOTTIANO) MEMBER OF CHAMBER
DEFENSE COMMITTEE, CONFIRMED THAT PRESENT COMMANDER OF NINTH
CARABINIERI BRIGADE (SICILY), BGEN. GIUSEPPE SIRACUSANO,
WOULD REPLACE COMMANDER OF LAZIO BRIGADE, ROME, WHO BEING
TRANSFERRED BECAUSE OF KAPPLER ESCAPE. LIMA SAID ABOVE
CHANGE, AND APPARENTLY OTHER POST-KAPPLER TRANSFERS OF
CARABINIERI OFFICERS, HAD BEEN IN CARDS FOR SOME TIME AND
WERE ONLY PRECIPITATED BY KAPPLER CASE.

2. SIRACUSANO HAS COMMANDED CARABINIERI IN SICILY LESS THAN
ONE YEAR AND PREVIOUSLY COMMANDED ROME CARABINIERI "LEGION". NOW IN
HIS EARLY FIFTIES, HE PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING ITALY'S
YOUNGEST GENERAL OFFICER. BORN IN LIPARI IN THE AEOLIAN
ISLANDS, SIRACUSANO IS A LARGE, SOCIALLY-ACTIVE MAN, NOT
VERY CEREBRAL BUT VERY TOUGH.

3. IN DISCUSSING KAPPLER ESCAPE, LIMA THOUGHT POLITICAL
STORM WOULD BLOW OVER WITHOUT EITHER TOO MUCH DAMAGE TO GOVERN-
MENT OR NECESSARY SACRIFICE OF DEFMIN LATTANZIO.
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LIMA THOUGHT RELATIVELY LOW-KEY (FOR THEM) TREATMENT BY
THE PCI SHOULD HELP GOVERNMENT WEATHER KAPPLER CRISIS.
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